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TO US CUSTOMS WASHDC

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TAGS: ALLOW

SUBJECT: QUARTERS ALLOWANCE FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE

STATE FOR ARA/MGT AND A/ALS

1. THE AUTHORITY OF CHIEF OF MISSION, UNDER 932.22B OF STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS (GCFA), IS LIMITED TO AUTHORIZING UP TO 50 PERCENT INCREASE QUARTERS ALLOWANCE ONLY FOR DEPUTY CHIEFS OF MISSION, COUNSELORS, AND PRINIIPAL OFFICERS OF CONSULAR POSTS. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PRECEDENT FOR EXTENDING THIS CONSIDERATION TO PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF OTHER AGENCIES.

2. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT AN INCREASED QUARTERS ALLOWANCE OF UP TO 50 PERCENT WOULD HELP ENORMOUSLY TO OFFSET THE CONTINUING TREND OF SPIRALING RENTS IN MEXICO CITY AND OFFER OFFICERS HAVING IMPORTANT REPRESENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES TO FIND SUITABLE HOUSING WITHOUT OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENDITURES. SHOULD THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS BE INTERPRETED TO EMBRACE THE "PRINCIPAL OFFICERS" OF OTHER AGENCIES REPRESENTED AT MEXICO CITY, A NUMBER OF OTHER OFFICERS IN POSITIONS COMPARABLE TO U.S. CUSTOMS ATTACHE MIGHT BENEFIT DIRECTLY FROM SPECIAL ALLOWANCE.

3. THE RULES FOR THIS AND ALL ALLOWANCES ARE ESTABLISHED AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL. TREASURY MAY WISH, THEREFORE, TO CONSULT WITH THE CHIEF, ALLOWANCE STAFF, DEPT. OF STATE, TO DETERMINE IF SCOPE OF STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS COULD BE EXPANDED. IF SO, CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVES CASE  
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TOGETHER WITH CLARIFYING INSTRUCTION EXPANDING SCOPE OF

REFERENCE STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS SHOULD BE REFORWARDED  
TO CHIEF OF MISSION FOR FINAL REVIEW. BRANDIN

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